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Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2000 in section I and the annotations to the provisional agenda in section II.

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I. Provisional agenda

The provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2000 of the Council has been drawn up on the basis of the list of items approved by the Council at its organizational session for 2000 (decision 2000/202).

Provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2000

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3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation:

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      (i) Resources and funding of the operational activities for development;

      (ii) Simplification and harmonization of programming, operational and administrative procedures;

      (iii) Progress report on the implementation of the triennial comprehensive policy review;

   (b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme.

Coordination segment

4. Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes:

   (a) Assessment of the progress made within the United Nations system, through the conference reviews, in the promotion of an integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields;

   (b) Coordinated implementation by the United Nations system of the Habitat Agenda.

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   (b) Proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005;

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   (d) Tobacco or health;

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9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations.

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12. Non-governmental organizations.

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   (a) Sustainable development;

   (b) Public administration and finance;

   (c) Water supply and sanitation;

   (d) Cartography;

   (e) Population and development;

   (f) Statistics;

   (g) International cooperation in tax matters;

   (h) Functioning of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, including its role in coordinating science and technology for development.

14. Social and human rights questions:

   (a) Advancement of women;

   (b) Social development;

   (c) Crime prevention and criminal justice;

   (d) Narcotic drugs;

   (e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

(g) Human rights.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

At its organizational session for 2000, the Council approved the provisional agenda for its substantive session (decision 2000/202).

In accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council (E/5715/Rev.2), should any proposals be submitted for the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda, they will be circulated as soon as they are received, and a supplementary list of items will be issued as an addendum to the provisional agenda.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I, the Council will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on proposed themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 2001 of the Council.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on proposed themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 2001 of the Council.

A. High-level segment

2. Development and international cooperation in the twenty-first century: the role of information technology in the context of a knowledge-based global economy

At its substantive session of 1999, the Council decided that the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2000 of the Council would be devoted to the consideration of the following theme: "Development and international cooperation in the twenty-first century: the role of information technology in the context of a knowledge-based global economy" (Council decision 1999/281).

The theme is relevant and complementary to General Assembly resolution 54/231 entitled "Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence", in which the Assembly promoted the access of developing countries to information and communication technology, their integration into the emerging global information network and their participation in the knowledge-intensive sectors of the global economy. Assembly resolution 54/201 entitled "Science and technology for development", in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, stressed the need to establish technology as a cross-cutting theme within the work of the United Nations, particularly through effective and better coordination in the area of information and communication technologies, is also relevant.

The Council will have before it, at its high-level segment, the report of the Secretary-General on the subject, the relevant section of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its second session (Council resolution 1999/67), the *World Economic and Social Survey, 2000*, and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the role of information and communications technology in trade, finance, investment and related areas (General Assembly resolution 54/198).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on development and international cooperation in the twenty-first century: the role of information technology in the context of a knowledge-based global economy

Relevant section of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its second session

World Economic and Social Survey, 2000

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the role of information and communications technology in trade, finance, investment and related areas

B. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

(i) Resources and funding of the operational activities for development

In accordance with paragraph 11 of annex I to General Assembly resolution 50/227, and paragraph 16 of Assembly resolution 53/192 as well as Council resolutions 1998/27, paragraph 3, 1999/5, paragraph 19, and 1999/6, paragraph 5, the Council will consider the issue of resources and funding of the operational activities for development at the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment.

(ii) Simplification and harmonization of programming, operational and administrative procedures

In accordance with Council resolution 1999/6, paragraph 5, the Council will also consider the issue of simplification and harmonization of programming, operational and administrative procedures at the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(iii) Progress report on the implementation of the triennial comprehensive policy review

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 53/192, paragraph 61, the Council will examine the operational activities for development of the United Nations system in order to evaluate the implementation of the triennial comprehensive policy review of those activities with a view to ensuring its full implementation.

In paragraph 63 of the same resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report annually to the Council on the United Nations Development Assistance Framework.

By its resolution 1998/27, paragraph 4, the Council invited the Secretary-General to arrange for the submission by the executive heads of the United Nations funds and programmes, in consultation with the United Nations Development Group, to the Council at its annual substantive session, of a concise consolidated list of issues that were central to the improved coordination of operational activities and on which the funds and programmes sought consideration by and guidance from the Council, particularly in regard to the triennial comprehensive policy review, and to include in the list recommendations whenever possible.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General and addenda thereto

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

The Council will also have before it the reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme, and the report of the Secretary-General on issues arising from the Executive Boards of United Nations funds and programmes, including their overall financial picture, as well as the annual reports of the heads of the four funds and programmes.

At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly decided, in order to ensure an effective and efficient interaction between the Assembly, the Council and the individual Executive Boards, that each Board would submit an annual report on its programmes and activities to the Council at its substantive session (resolution 48/162, annex I, para. 29). At its substantive session of 1994, the Council requested the United Nations development funds and programmes, through their Executive Boards, to include in their annual reports to the Council, which should have a common structure: (a) a section outlining measures taken in the implementation of the provisions of the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities; and (b) a section on the activities and measures undertaken within the designated theme for the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment (resolution 1994/33).

At its fifty-third session, the General Assembly invited the executive boards of the United Nations funds and programmes to ensure that the heads of these funds and programmes included in their annual reports to the Council, prepared in accordance with Council resolution 1994/33, a thorough analysis of problems encountered and lessons learned, with emphasis on issues arising from the implementation of the Secretary-General's reform programme, the triennial comprehensive policy review and the follow-up to international conferences, so as to allow the Council to fulfil its coordinating role (resolution 53/192, para. 59).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on issues arising from the Executive Boards of United Nations funds and programmes

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund on its first regular session, its second regular session and its annual session

Annual reports of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first regular session and its annual session

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2000 sessions

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme

C. Coordination segment

4. Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes

(a) Assessment of the progress made within the United Nations system, through the conference reviews, in the promotion of an integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields

In accordance with Council resolution 1999/55 and decision 1999/281, the coordination segment will be devoted to the consideration of the following cross-sectoral theme: "Assessment of the progress made within the United Nations system, through the conference reviews, in the promotion of an integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields".

In resolution 1998/44 on the same topic, the Council agreed to consider conducting in the year 2000, as a possible contribution to the Millennium Assembly, a review by the Council of progress made within the United Nations system in the promotion of integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields. In resolution 1999/55, the Council requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report to support the review by the Council on the progress made within the United Nations system, through the conference reviews, in the promotion of an integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields as a possible contribution to the Millennium Assembly. In the same resolution, the Council invited the functional and regional commissions, programmes, funds and specialized agencies, and encouraged non-governmental organizations, to make substantive contributions to the review by the Council.

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the subject.

It may be recalled that, at its substantive session of 1997, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the United Nations system, to submit to it on an annual basis a report on the progress achieved in this area by the United Nations system at the intergovernmental, inter-agency and country levels, with specific recommendations on ways to enhance the integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of the major United Nations conferences and summits (resolution 1997/61). This report will be combined with the aforementioned report of the Secretary-General.

It may be mentioned that the Council decided that the theme for the item on regional cooperation of its substantive session of 2000 should be "Follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits: exchange of regional experiences" (decision 2000/207).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made within the United Nations system, through the conference reviews, in the promotion of an integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields

(b) Coordinated implementation by the United Nations system of the Habitat Agenda

In accordance with Council decision 1999/281, the coordination segment will also be devoted to the consideration of the following theme: "Coordinated implementation by the United Nations system of the Habitat Agenda".

By selecting this theme, the Council has met the request made by the General Assembly to the Council most recently in its resolution 53/180 to devote its coordination segment in 2000 to human settlements issues and the implementation of the Habitat Agenda. The Assembly also invited the Council actively to promote and coordinate the role of the regional commissions in the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda at the regional and subregional levels, and requested organizations and agencies of the United Nations system and the funds and programmes to contribute to the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda.

In response to General Assembly resolution 54/208 entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlement (Habitat II)", the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation by the United Nations system of the Habitat Agenda along with the recommendations of the Council thereon will be made available to the Assembly for its consideration of the same topic.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation by the United Nations system of the Habitat Agenda

D. Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

At its organizational session for 2000, the Council decided that the theme of the humanitarian affairs segment should be "Strengthening the coordination of humanitarian response and the role of technology in mitigating the effects of natural disasters and other humanitarian emergencies, including conflicts, with particular reference to the displacement of persons arising therefrom" (decision 2000/206).

At its forty-sixth session, the Assembly requested the Emergency Relief Coordinator to prepare an annual report for the Secretary-General on the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations, including information on the central emergency revolving fund, to be submitted to the Assembly through the Council (resolution 46/182, annex, para. 35 (I)).

At its fifty-fourth session, the General Assembly welcomed the holding of the second humanitarian affairs segment by the Council during its substantive session of 1999 and agreed conclusions 1999/1 adopted at that session (see A/54/3 and Add.1 and 2, chap. VI); invited the Council to continue to consider ways to enhance further the humanitarian affairs segment of its future sessions; and requested the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, through the 2000 substantive session of the Council, on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, including the implementation of and follow-up to agreed conclusions 1999/1 (resolution 54/95).

At its fifty-third session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, through the Council at the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2000, on the implementation of resolution 53/1 D on international assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters; and of resolution 53/1 I on assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia.

At its fifty-fourth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 54/96 L on assistance to Mozambique following the devastating floods wherein the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its fifty-fifth session, through the Council at the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2000, on the collaborative efforts undertaken by the specialized agencies and organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and on the progress made with respect to the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts of Mozambique.

At its fifty-fourth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 54/96 M on assistance to Madagascar following the tropical cyclones and requested the Secretary-General to report to it, at its fifty-fifth session, through the Council at the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2000, on the implementation of the resolution.

In accordance with Council resolution 1983/46, the Secretary-General apprises the Council annually on the status of the assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations and on the implementation of and follow-up to agreed conclusions 1999/1 of the Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/1 D, entitled "International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters"

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/1 I on assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made with respect to the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts of Mozambique

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 54/96 M on assistance to Madagascar following the tropical cyclones

E. General segment

6. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/264, the Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the agreed conclusions of the 1999 coordination segment of the Council on the development of Africa: implementation and coordinated follow-up by the United Nations system of initiatives on African development.

At its substantive session of 1997, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in cooperation with organizations of the United Nations system, to submit to it an annual report on the progress achieved by the United Nations system at the intergovernmental, inter-agency and country levels, with specific recommendations on ways to enhance the integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of the major United Nations conferences and summits (resolution 1997/61).

In its resolution 1998/44, the Council agreed to consider conducting in 2000, as a possible contribution to the Millennium Assembly, a review by the Council of progress made within the United Nations system in the promotion of integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields. At its substantive session of 1999, the Council requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report on modalities for that review by the Council in 2000 (resolution 1999/55). In resolution 1999/35, the Council decided that the implementation of agreed conclusions 1998/2 on the coordinated follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action in the United Nations system, should be taken into account as part of the overall review by the Council in 2000.

In resolution 1999/55, the Council requested the Secretary-General to prepare a progress report on basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels, for consideration by the Council at its substantive session of 2000.

At its substantive session of 1999, the Council adopted the ministerial communiqué of the high-level segment (see A/54/3 and Add.1 and 2, chap. III), in which it requested the Secretary-General to submit a progress report to the Council at its substantive session of 2000.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the agreed conclusions of the 1999 coordination segment of the Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made within the United Nations system, through the conference reviews, in the promotion of an integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields (see item 4 (a))

Report of the Secretary-General on basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits at all levels

Progress report on the implementation of the ministerial communiqué of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 1999 of the Council

7. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

The Administrative Committee on Coordination will submit an annual overview report to the Council (Council resolution 13 (III)), which will provide the Council with a summary of the work carried out by the Administrative Committee on Coordination machinery in 1999.

At its resumed substantive session of 1999, the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its machinery and the comments thereon of the Secretary-General and the Administrative Committee on Coordination (A/54/288 and Add.1); invited the Administrative Committee on Coordination to continue to report on its deliberations concerning the recommendations by the Joint Inspection Unit; and decided to revert, in the context of its consideration of coordination questions, including Administrative Committee on Coordination annual overview reports, to the follow-up to the report of the Joint Inspection Unit and the related comments of the Committee in the light of the outcome of further intergovernmental deliberations thereon, *inter alia*, by the governing bodies of the specialized agencies (resolution 1999/66).

The report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the first part of its fortieth session (Headquarters, May-June 2000) will include the Committee's views on its consideration of the report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination.

Documentation

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1999

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the first part of its fortieth session (A/55/16, Part I)

(b) Proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

The Council will have before it the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 covering activities in the economic, social and related fields. The Council will examine the proposed medium-term plan in the light of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the matter (Council resolution 1988/77).

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the first part of its fortieth session (A/55/16, Part I) (see item 7 (a))

(c) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

At its substantive session of 1999, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Government of Haiti and making use of the existing United Nations presence in Haiti, to take the necessary steps to develop on a priority basis a long-term strategy and programme of support for Haiti and to submit to the Council at its substantive session of 2000 an integrated synthesis report on the elaboration and implementation of the programme including observations and recommendations on the work of the relevant United Nations bodies in their respective areas of competence (resolution 1999/11).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(d) Tobacco or health

The Council has considered this question since 1993 (resolution 1993/79) and has since adopted resolutions 1994/47 and 1995/62.

At its substantive session of 1999, the Council requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its substantive session of 2000 on progress made by the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control in the implementation of multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health, with particular emphasis on the development of appropriate strategies to address the social and economic implications of the impact of tobacco or health initiatives (resolution 1999/56).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(e) International cooperation in the field of informatics

The Council has been considering this question since 1991 (resolution 1991/70).

At its substantive session of 1999, the Council requested the President of the Council to convene the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics for one more year to carry out its work for the due fulfilment of the provisions of Council resolutions on this item, for facilitating the successful implementation of the initiatives being taken by the Secretary-General with regard to the use of

information technology and for continuing the implementation of measures required to achieve its objectives; and requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its substantive session of 2000 on the follow-up action taken on the resolution on this subject, including the findings of the Working Group (resolution 1999/58).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

8. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B

At its substantive session of 1999, the Council adopted resolution 1999/51 on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields and cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions.

In resolution 1999/51, the Council invited the functional commissions to implement, where they had not yet done so, relevant provisions of its resolution 1998/46, in particular as it related to the adoption of multi-year programmes of work and to the coordinated follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, and requested the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on this matter to the Council at its substantive session of 2000. The Council welcomed the high-level special meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and decided to maintain such meetings. The joint United Nations/Bretton Woods institutions meeting will be held at Headquarters on 18 April 2000 (decision 2000/205).

The Council reiterated its call to the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions to undertake collectively a renewed effort to further coordinate policy approaches and requested the functional commissions to report to the Council at its substantive session of 2000 on the follow-up actions to resolution 1999/51 and requested the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the implementation of that resolution to the Council at its substantive session of 2000.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields and cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council in 2000

Report on the joint meetings held between the Bureau of the Council and the Bureaux of its functional commissions

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Assistance to the Palestinian people. At its sixty-third session, in 1977, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it annual reports on the question of assistance to the Palestinian people (resolution 2100 (LXIII)).

At its fifty-fourth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to it at its fifty-fifth session, through the Council, on the implementation of Assembly resolution 54/116 on the subject.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. At its substantive session of 1999, the Council requested its President to continue to maintain close contact with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and to report thereon to the Council; and requested the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the resolution and to report thereon to the Council (resolution 1999/52). At its fifty-fourth session, the General Assembly requested the Council to continue to consider, in consultation with the Special Committee, appropriate measures for coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in implementing the relevant resolutions of the Assembly (resolution 54/85).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

10. Regional cooperation

The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation and take the necessary action on the decisions and recommendations of the regional commissions contained therein.

The Council will also have before it the summaries of the surveys of regional economic and social conditions prepared by the regional commissions, highlighting the main problems and prospects of those regions. At its first regular session of 1979, the Council decided to discontinue the submission to it of the reports of the regional commissions (decision 1979/1). The reports are transmitted directly to all Member States. The Secretary-General, in his annual report on regional cooperation, in addition to reporting on the meetings of the executive secretaries, highlights developments within each region and draws the Council's attention to specific issues requiring its consideration. The report of the Secretary-General will bring to the Council's attention any decisions or recommendations of the regional commissions that statutorily require approval by the Council. A section of the report will deal with the question of follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits: exchange of regional experiences (Council decision 2000/207).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation

Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 1999

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1999

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Asia and the Pacific, 2000

Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1999

Summary of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 1999

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

At its substantive session of 1999, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its fifty-fifth session, through the Council, a report on the implementation of the resolution and to continue to include, in the report of the United Nations Special Coordinator in the Occupied Territories, an update on the living conditions of the Palestinian people, in collaboration with relevant United Nations agencies (resolution 1999/53). The attention of the Council is drawn to Assembly resolution 54/230 on the subject.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

12. Non-governmental organizations

Pursuant to its resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31, the Council will consider the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on the work of its resumed 1999 session (New York, 17-28 January 2000) and its 2000 session (New York, 15-19 May and 12-23 June 2000) and take action on the recommendations contained therein. At its substantive session of 1995, the Council decided that the Committee should meet annually (decision 1995/304).

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 1999 session

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2000 session

13. Economic and environmental questions

At its substantive session of 1999, the Council decided to continue consideration of the question of assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly (resolution 1999/59). At its fifty-fourth session, the Assembly decided to transmit the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the

United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions to the Council at its substantive session of 2000 (resolution 54/107).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (A/54/383)

(a) Sustainable development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its eighth session (New York, 24 April-5 May 2000). The provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 1999/222.

At its fifty-fourth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 54/220 on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, through the Commission on Sustainable Development at its eighth session and the Council at its substantive session of 2000, a report on the implementation of that resolution.

At its fifty-third session, the General Assembly underscored the importance of the continued active and collaborative involvement of all relevant bodies of the United Nations system in the implementation of Agenda 21, and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, and requested the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with all relevant bodies of the United Nations system and taking into account the outcome of the deliberations in the Commission on Sustainable Development, to submit to the Assembly for its consideration at future sessions, through the Council, an analytical report on the measures taken within the United Nations system to accelerate the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (resolution 53/188). At its fifty-fourth session, the Assembly adopted resolution 54/218 on the subject.

The Council will also have before it the report of the Committee for Development Policy on the work of its second session. At its substantive session of 1999, the Council invited the Committee to improve its methods of work in order to better contribute to the work of the Council, and decided that the future programme of work of the Committee should be determined at the substantive session of the Council (resolution 1999/51). At its resumed substantive session of 1999, the Council requested the Secretary-General to facilitate an expert group meeting of members of the Committee in order to enable them to carry out the necessary diagnostic testing and simulations of the proposed criteria for the designation of least developed country status; requested the Committee, on the basis of the report of the expert group, to recommend, as appropriate, revised criteria for the identification of the least developed countries for the consideration of the Council as soon as possible, but no later than its substantive session of 2000; and also requested the Committee to include in its report to be submitted to the Council in 2000 its views on the theme for the high-level segment of the Council in 2000 (resolution 1999/67).

At its fifty-fourth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in collaboration with all concerned organs and organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the Committee for Development Policy, to submit to the Assembly for consideration at its fifty-fifth session, through the Council, a draft text of an international development strategy for the first decade of the new millennium, with the aim of giving further impetus to international cooperation for development and of monitoring long-term trends in the global economy as well as the attainment of internationally agreed targets (resolution 54/206).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its eighth session (E/2000/29, Supplement No. 9)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 54/220 on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon

Report of the Secretary-General on the measures taken within the United Nations system to accelerate the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its second session (E/2000/33, Supplement No. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on the draft text of an international development strategy for the first decade of the new millennium

(b) Public administration and finance

In accordance with Council decision 1998/219, the Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the Fifteenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance (New York, 8-12 May 2000).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Fifteenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance

(c) Water supply and sanitation

At its fiftieth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, through the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Council, a report containing an assessment of the water supply and sanitation situation in developing countries, including proposals for action for the ensuing decade at the national and international levels (resolution 50/126). At its substantive session of 1999, the Council adopted resolution 1999/47 entitled "Contribution to the preparation of the report of the Secretary-General on progress made in providing safe water supply and sanitation for all during the 1990s", containing issues for inclusion in the report of the Secretary-General (resolution 1999/47 and the annex thereto).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General containing an assessment of the water supply and sanitation situation in developing countries

(d) Cartography

The Council will consider the reports of the Secretary-General on the Fifteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific (Kuala Lumpur, 10-14 April 2000) (decisions 1997/221and 2000/209) and on the twentieth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (New York, 17-28 January 2000) (decision 1998/221).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Fifteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific

Report of the Secretary-General on the twentieth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

(e) Population and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Population and Development on the work of its thirty-third session (New York, 27-31 March 2000). The provisional agenda for the thirty-third session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 1999/224.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-third session (E/2000/ 25, Supplement No. 5)

(f) Statistics

The Council will consider the report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-first session (New York, 29 February-3 March 2000) and take action on the recommendations contained therein. The provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-first session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 1999/223.

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-first session (E/2000/24, Supplement No. 4)

(g) International cooperation in tax matters

The Secretary-General reports to the Council on the progress of the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters following each meeting of the Group of Experts (Council resolution 1980/13). At its substantive session of 1999, the Council had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the ninth meeting of the Group of Experts and decided to postpone its consideration thereof to its substantive session of 2000 (decision 1999/295).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (E/1999/84)

(h) Functioning of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, including its role in coordinating science and technology for development

At its substantive session of 1999, the Council agreed to include the above item in its agenda and requested the secretariat to prepare a succinct analytical report on relevant activities within the United Nations system, including the outcome of the World Science Conference, for consideration under that item (resolution 1999/61).

At its fifty-fourth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, through the Council, proposals for strengthening the coordination of mechanisms of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development within the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in order to ensure coordination of the various efforts and activities in the area of new and innovative technologies and their applications, such as in electronic commerce, with the objective of promoting complementarity of activities within the United Nations system (resolution 54/201).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on proposals for strengthening the coordination of mechanisms of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development within the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

14. Social and human rights questions

(a) Advancement of women

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex). The Convention entered into force on 3 September 1981. The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women was established under article 17 of the Convention for the purpose of considering the progress made in the implementation of the Convention. Under article 21 of the Convention, the Committee shall report annually on its activities to the Assembly through the Council and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States parties to the Convention.

The Council will also have before it the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-forth session (New York, 28 February-2 March 2000). The provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 1999/258.

The Council will also have before it the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its twentieth session. The Institute functions under the authority of a Board of Trustees, which reports annually to the Council.

At its substantive session of 1999, the Council decided to engage in the revitalization of the International Research and Training Institute for the

Advancement of Women and requested its Director, in close consultation with the Board of Trustees, to submit a report to the Council at its substantive session of 2000 on the implementation of the revitalization measures (resolution 1999/54).

At its substantive session of 1999, the Council, recalling its resolution 1996/34 on the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 1996-2001, in which it had called for a new draft plan to cover the period 2002-2005, invited the Secretary-General to formulate the plan for 2002-2005 in two phases, the first phase consisting of an assessment of activities undertaken by the United Nations system, to be submitted to the Council through the Commission on the Status of Women in 2000, and the second phase consisting of a new plan for 2002-2005 to be submitted to the Council through the Commission in 2001 (resolution 1999/16).

In its resolution 50/203, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report annually to the Commission on the Status of Women and to the Assembly, through the Council, on the measures taken and the progress achieved in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action. At its fifty-second session, the Assembly decided to convene, in the year 2000, a high-level plenary review to appraise and assess the progress achieved in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women and the Beijing Platform for Action (resolution 52/100). At its fifty-third session, the Assembly decided that the special session of the Assembly should be entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" and would take place from 5 to 9 June 2000. The Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session will report directly to the Assembly (resolution 53/120).

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (A/55/38 (Part I))

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-fourth session (E/2000/27, Supplement No. 7)

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its twentieth session

Report of the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on the implementation of the revitalization measures

Report of the Secretary-General on an assessment of activities undertaken by the United Nations system under the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 1996-2001

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

(b) Social development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-eighth session (New York, 8-17 February 2000). The provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 1999/259.

At its fifty-fourth session, the General Assembly requested the Commission for Social Development, at its thirty-eighth session, to adopt a recommendation on the desirability and feasibility of convening a second World Assembly on Ageing in 2002 and to report on this issue to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, through the Council (resolution 54/24).

At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue monitoring the world social situation in depth on a regular basis (resolution 44/56). The Council will have before it the *2000 Report on the World Social Situation*, submitted to the Assembly through the Commission for Social Development and the Council.

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-eighth session (E/2000/26, Supplement No. 6)

2000 Report on the World Social Situation

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its ninth session (Vienna, 18-20 April 2000). The provisional agenda for the ninth session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 1999/262.

At its fifty-fourth session, the General Assembly requested the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (Vienna, 10-17 April 2000) to submit, through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the Council, its declaration to the Millennium Assembly for consideration and action, and requested the Commission to give priority attention at its ninth session to the conclusions and recommendations of the Tenth Congress, with a view to recommending, through the Council, appropriate follow-up by the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session (resolution 54/125).

Capital punishment. At its fifty-fourth session, the Council invited the Secretary-General to submit to it, at five-year intervals starting from 1975, periodic updated and analytical reports on capital punishment (Council resolution 1745 (LIV)). The Council will have before it the sixth quinquennial report on capital punishment. The Council requested the Secretary-General, in preparing the sixth quinquennial report, to draw on all available data, including current criminological research, and to invite the comments of specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council on that question; and recommended that the quinquennial reports of the Secretary-General, like the one submitted to the Council in 1995, should continue to cover the implementation of the safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty (Council resolution 1995/57).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its ninth session (E/2000/30, Supplement No. 10)

Declaration of the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Report of the Secretary-General on capital punishment (E/2000/3)

(d) Narcotic drugs

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-third session (Vienna, 6-15 March 2000). The provisional agenda for the forty-third session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 1999/264.

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board. In accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, article 18, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances, and article 23, paragraph 1, of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, the Board will report to the Council, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on its work for 1999.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-third session (E/2000/28, Supplement No. 8)

Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1999

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees reports annually to the General Assembly through the Council, in conformity with paragraph 11 of the Statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex).

At its fifty-first session, in 1971, the Council decided that the report of the High Commissioner should be transmitted to the General Assembly without debate, unless the Council decided otherwise, at the specific request of one or more of its members or of the High Commissioner, at the time of the adoption of its agenda (resolution 1623 (LI), sect. II).

At its fifty-fourth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, and to present an oral report to the Council at its substantive session of 2000 (resolution 54/147).

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (1993-2003), as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 48/91, paragraph 16. In that resolution, the Assembly proclaimed the Third Decade

to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, beginning in 1993, and adopted the Programme of Action for the Decade contained in the annex to the resolution. The Assembly entrusted the Council and the Commission on Human Rights, in cooperation with the Secretary-General, with the responsibility for coordinating the programmes and evaluating the activities undertaken in connection with the Decade and requested the Secretary-General to submit each year to the Council a detailed report on all activities of United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies, analysing the information received on such activities to combat racism and racial discrimination.

The attention of the Council is drawn to General Assembly resolution 54/154.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

(g) Human rights

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-sixth session (Geneva, 20 March-27 April 2000). The report of the Commission is expected to include its response to the following resolutions:

(i) General Assembly resolution 54/185, in which the Assembly decided to keep the situation of human rights in Afghanistan under consideration at its fifty-fifth session, in the light of additional elements provided by the Commission on Human Rights and the Council;

(ii) General Assembly resolution 54/188, in which the Assembly decided to keep the situation of human rights in Rwanda under consideration at its fifty-fifth session, in the light of additional elements provided by the Commission on Human Rights and the Council.

The Council will also have before it the general comments of the Human Rights Committee. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex) entered into force on 23 March 1976. The complete report of the Committee is submitted to the Assembly pursuant to Council decision 1985/105.

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its twentieth and twenty-first sessions (Geneva, 26 April-14 May 1999 and 15 November-3 December 1999). The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights was entrusted by the Council, as from 1987, with overseeing the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolution 1985/17). It will be recalled that the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex) entered into force on 3 January 1976. Under article 16 of the Covenant, States parties to the Covenant undertake to submit to the Secretary-General reports on the measures that they have adopted and on the progress made in achieving the observance of the rights recognized in the Covenant. The Secretary-General is required to transmit copies of the reports to the Council for its consideration.

At its first regular session of 1985, the Economic and Social Council decided to review the composition, organization and administrative arrangements of the Committee at its first regular session of 1990, and subsequently every five years, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical distribution of its membership (resolution 1985/17). The information requested will appear in the report of the Committee on its twenty first session.

Committee on the Rights of the Child. At its forty-fourth session, the General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child (Assembly resolution 44/25, annex). In accordance with article 43 of the Convention, the Committee on the Rights of the Child was established for the purpose of examining the progress made by States parties in achieving the realization of the obligations undertaken in the Convention. In accordance with article 44 of the Convention, the Committee submits reports on its activities to the Assembly, through the Council, every two years.

The Council will also have before it the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly decided to create the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; it also decided, *inter alia*, that the High Commissioner would be the United Nations official with principal responsibility for United Nations human rights activities under the direction and authority of the Secretary-General. The Assembly requested the High Commissioner to report annually on his/her activities, in accordance with his/her mandate, to the Commission on Human Rights and, through the Council, to the Assembly (resolution 48/141).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-sixth session (E/2000/23, Supplement No. 3)

Report of the Human Rights Committee

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its eighteenth and nineteenth sessions (E/2000/22, Supplement No. 2)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights